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Longtime Elks honored at installation

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Three members of the Elk Point Elks Lodge received special recognition Saturday, as the lodge gathered to install their officers for the coming year.

The three represent a combined century of service to the lodge: 45 years for charter member Ed Gregoraschuk, 30 for Walter Jendruck and 25 years for Lawrence Pidluzny. Pidluzny says he has actually been a member for 28 years, but was away when he should have received his 25-year pin.

District Deputy Arnold Claxton presided over the installation of the 2008-08 officers, with the assistance of Art Noble, who presented the candidates for installation.

Don Pilisko is the new Exalted Ruler, moving predecessor Allan Berg into the role of Past Exalted Ruler. Berg also took on the roles of historian and inner guard. Lawrence Pidluzny is the new Lecturing Knight, while Walter Jendruck will serve as Esquire. Leading Knight Dwayne Yaremkevich and Loyal Knight Mike Chubey were unable to attend and will be installed at a later date.

Ed Gregoraschuk and Bill Schuhmacher will retain their roles as secretary and treasurer for another year, while Bernadette Godlein was installed as chaplain.



Vicki Brooker photo

Officers installed for coming year

Don Pilisko (centre, front row) was installed as Exalted Ruler of the Elk Point BPO Elks Lodge on Saturday. He is flanked by District Deputy Arnold Claxton (right) and assistant installing officer Art Noble, while secretary Ed Gregoraschuk is at far left and Past Exalted Ruler Allan Berg is at far right. Back row, left to right, are Lecturing Knight Lawrence Pidluzny, Esquire Walter Jendruck, Chaplain Bernadette Godlein and treasurer Bill Schuhmacher.



Ed Gregoraschuk, Walter Jendruck and Lawrence Pidluzny were brought forward by assistant installing officer Art Noble to receive pins honouring their long service with the Elks Lodge.

School board joins MedicAlert initiative

By JANICE HUSER
Staff Writer

St. Paul Education Regional Division schools will soon become members of the No Child Without MedicAlert initiative.

Trustees approved a motion at the regular board meeting on April 9 to join the initiative, which helps schools recognize which students may require special medical attention, and react when an emergency arises. Students who have medical conditions are given a free MedicAlert bracelet or necklace engraved with the child's medical information.

The program has been designed to "complement existing school emergency plans to help create a safe environment for students," according to the foundation's website.

"It looks like we have lots to gain and nothing to lose," chair Darrell Younghans said.

The program will be offered to students between four and 14 years of age.

Teen Chef competition

School board trustees denied a request by a Regional

High School student and teacher for funding to help cover costs associated with attending an out-of-province Teen Chef Competition.

However, the board did agree to grant permission to the CTS teacher to attend the event with the student.

"We really don't have a policy in place," said trustee Ron Rudkowsky about the request for funding. He then recommended a policy be put in place to deal with curriculum-related activities.

Trustees agreed that granting funding for one field trip would create a snowball effect, causing more requests, although Younghans acknowledged the Teen Chef competition was "a very worthwhile endeavor."

School sites

Board members discussed the sale of old school sites at its last regular meeting and agreed to continue giving adjacent landowners the first chance at purchasing the abandoned sites.

The issue arose after a group of area residents requested the purchase of one of the sites, in order to erect a histori-

cal marker where an old school once stood.

Trustee Steve Upham recommended that when the school board sells future parcels to landowners, it should notify the landowners about the possibility of a sign being erected.

"(The sign) doesn't take up a lot of real estate," he said. "I think we should clean them all up," said Rudkowsky about any other parcels of land that remain under the school board's title.

Younghans then recommended the district continue with past practices and offer the adjacent landowner the first choice at purchasing the land.

Tuition agreement

An interim tuition agreement between the school district and First Nations people has been reached.

The agreement allows the board to work out a more permanent tuition agreement with First Nations. It will also allow the board to receive money that was owed to it in the past, explained superintendent Doug Yeo after the board's regular meeting.

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School modernizations inch forward

By JANICE HUSER
Staff Writer

As the new Glen Avon School nears completion, plans to renovate the St. Paul Elementary School and Racette School slowly move forward.

Racette and Elementary students brought home letters last week informing parents that the plans to modernize the two schools with money from the province

were underway.

The province has allocated a total of about \$12 million to the modernization, with \$6 million going to each school.

St. Paul Education Regional Division board members briefly discussed the renovations at their regular meeting on April 9.

"We are moving forward," said chair Darrell Youngmans at the meeting.

He explained that St. Paul is on the top of the list for school modernization throughout the province.

Trustees expressed their frustration with the length of time it is taking the province to begin the modernization. Trustee Don Padlesky wondered if other school boards are having similar problems moving forward.

"The problem is not much has been done in a period of 20 years," said trustee Ron Rudkowsky.

"Time is ticking," superintendent Doug Yeo said after the meeting.

According to the letter sent home to parents, the province has completed an assessment report detailing what would be completed during the renovations. Items such as window and door replacements, flooring

upgrades, plumbing and heating upgrades, and upgrading to meet new fire and safety code requirements were listed.

Yeo later explained that the division would like to see additional items added to the list, such as cafeteria upgrades, staff room upgrades, special education facility upgrades, and parent drop-off/pick-up changes, among other things. An elevator is also needed at Racette School.

The school division met with Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Education on

April 10 to discuss the two modernization.

"It was a good meeting," said secretary-treasurer Jean Champagne. He explained that the next step is for the province to advertise and hire a project consultant, which could take some time.

As for requests by the division for additional modernization items, Champagne said provincial representatives did not say no and seem open to the functional upgrades.

"Quite a bit has changed since the schools were built," said Champagne of

the need for additional upgrades. He added that the division would like to see the schools be functional for another 25 years following the modernization.

In regards to the board's plans to build a new central office onto the north end of the Regional High School, Champagne explained that those plans will be put on hold until the division knows how staging of students will go during the modernization. The board does not want to misplace students more than needed.

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School board initiative

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The agreement deals with federal students who live on reserves. Tribal chiefs and Indian Affairs negotiated on behalf of the First Nations people.

ASCA

As requested by trustee Maureen Miller, the school division will now be a member of the Alberta School Councils' Association.

The association represents parents and school councils, and offers a variety of resources to these groups, such as public speakers and toolkits.

Miller explained that the association was offering to waive the fee for the remainder of the school year if the district became a member.

Trustees passed a motion to purchase a two-year

membership for \$1,232.

The two-year membership will give the district "a year to initiate, and a year to grow," said Miller.

Fine Arts Theatre

The school board agreed to give a letter of support to a proposed 600-seat fine arts theatre to be built onto the St. Paul Rec Centre.

Yeo attended a meeting about the theatre and felt the board should support the initiative through a letter to the St. Paul and District Theatre for the Arts Foundation.

Division Pow-wow

A division-wide pow-wow is being planned for May 23 in Saddle Lake.

"We're kind of excited about it," said Yeo. "It should be good."

Schools from across the division will be invited to attend.

Quebec field trip

A group of students are planning to travel to Quebec, and were granted permission by the school board for the out-of-province trip.

"This is a first," said

trustee Don Padlesky of the trip to Quebec.

Aside from visiting La Belle province, students will also travel to Ottawa to see the parliament building. The students are fundraising all the needed funds themselves.

"I think it's a great thing to be traveling within Canada," said Youngmans.

Playschool

The St. Paul Playschool will continue to operate at the French Cultural Centre for one more year, reported trustees. The group has been granted the use of the space for one more year, while renovations are made to local schools.

Paper bid

Trustees accepted a bid to purchase paper for the school district on Wednesday. Less than a two per cent difference separated the two lowest bids, but trustees chose to take the higher bid since it was a local company, Evergreen Stationers Ltd.

"I believe in shopping local when possible," said Miller.



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By 5 p.m. Saturday, close to 50 F. G. Miller High School students who took part in the Students' Union's 30-Hour Famine were definitely looking forward to their 7 p.m. pizza supper. The famine, which was a fundraiser for World Vision, started at 1 p.m. Friday. The event's focus was to raise awareness and funding for clean water, nutritious food and shelter for children in underdeveloped nations around the world. Instead of eating, the students spent their hours creating the giant poster behind them, playing games, listening to music and watching movies, and possibly catching a nap now and then.

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Officials hopeful Pine Beetle spread slowed Winter control operations complete

By DON PATTERSON
Contributor

Provincial officials are hopeful they have slowed the spread of the mountain pine beetle after winter control operations wrapped up for the season.

Alberta forest health officer Christie Ward said control operations in the Kananaskis area are complete and thousands of infested trees have been destroyed.

The province took the fight against the Mountain Pine Beetle to the air, contracting crews to identify and remove infested trees in southern Alberta's mountain areas by helicopter. Operations have been completed in the Spray Lakes, East Kananaskis, Bow and Crowsnest areas.

"Those contracts will be finished and any of these incidental trees that are showing up will be looked after with our own crews," she said. "Those places... can be considered 100 per cent controlled."

The beetles have been in the area since 2002 and Alberta Sustainable Resources Development identified the Spray Lakes area being of most concern with almost 13,000 trees found to have live beetles in them. Other affected areas include the North and South

Bow areas, which had about 4,600 trees with live beetles, and 848 in the East Kananaskis area.

Beetle populations were lowest in the Highwood area and Peter Lougheed Provincial Park with 13 and 37 affected trees, respectively.

The province wants to prevent the problem from reaching the level it has in B.C. where it's estimated as much as 80 per cent of the province's pine trees will be dead by 2014.

Provincial operations this winter involved surveying the forest by air looking for red trees that would've died from a beetle infestation. The location was marked with a GPS system and personnel were sent in on land to mark the tree and inspect others within a 50-metre radius for signs of the beetles.

All trees identified were removed using a helicopter to transport them to desig-

nated locations to be burned. Some trees will be destroyed down to the stump on site.

Ward said remaining trees discovered through the spring and summer with beetle infestations will be cut, peeled and burned on-site.

Ward said the main work for the summer months will be compiling population forecasts and attempts to track long-range beetle flights.

Infested trees will be analyzed to determine the number of beetles in them and estimate the number that could move on to other trees. In addition, bait will be set up in each township where beetles haven't been found to see if the insects are moving in to the area from B.C.

"We use that information to set provincial priorities in terms of using resources where the beetles are doing the best," she said.

Crews will also look for infested trees that haven't yet been identified and use this information in next year's control operations.

"We'll do an overview flight in June looking for trees that are starting to fade. That'll show us areas where the beetle is that we may have missed," she said.

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EDITORIAL

A teasing taste of summer

Don't even bother saying it. Keep the "we'll pay for this" and "that's probably the only summer we'll have" to yourself. Saturday and Sunday's gorgeous temperatures were like the previews you see at the movie theatre: just a taste to remind us that there is something to look forward to after the Bruins and the Flames wind up their Stanley Cup competition sometime in June. (Don't laugh. It could happen. It probably won't, but it could.)

Record-breaking temperatures in April are also a reward to us for making it through another winter. We knew very well the warm weather wasn't here for good, yet, but that didn't stop everyone from enjoying it while they could. Motorcycles and bikes were out, people were cleaning their yards and checking to see what was coming up in their flower beds, firing up the barbecue and hauling out a lawn chair or two. Who can blame us? It's a long time since we could do all those things, back in October.

While we wait for all those good things to be back here on a permanent basis, there's lots more hockey to watch, as well as one final weekend of curling. Then it will be time to haul out the soccer and baseball gear and get ready to have some fun in the sun.

It won't be long now!

WAY BACK WHEN...

Trophies, tea and trade fair

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND ELK POINT LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 15 IN...

1988

Brenda Patroch and Patsy Zarowny were surrounded by a host of golden daffodils as they raised money for the annual Cancer Society campaign. Steve Penz and rinkmates Murray Babcock, Jim Lindquist and Leonard Gadowski won both the men's round robin and men's "A" division as league curling came to an end, with Penz also skipping the top mixed rink and Stella Lorenson the top ladies' rink.

1993

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce prepared a brief for presentation to the Northern Alberta Development Council focusing on the economic downturn in the community and asking for assistance in seeking out possible solutions. Alberta Cow/Calf Association called a public meeting to compile input from area producers seeking government aid in dealing with continued drought, increasing farm debt and stabilization programs.

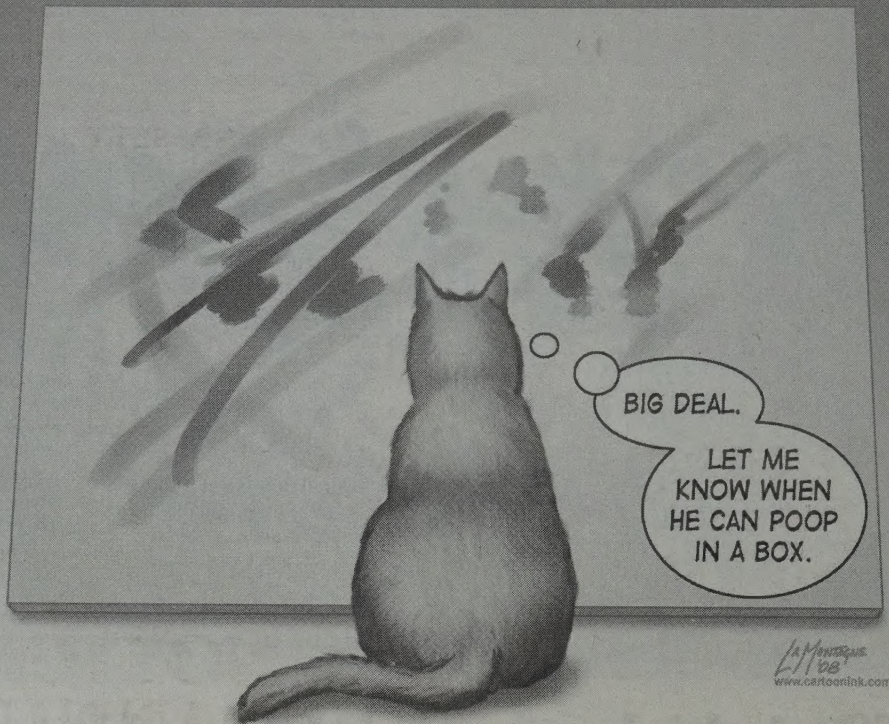
1998

Elk Point Elementary School welcomed the community during Education Week with science fair exhibits, a book fair, drama evening open house and a grandparents' tea. A tobacco reduction program spearheaded by the Lakeland Regional Health Authority was introduced to Elk Point Interagency Committee by Debbie Hamilton, who was "sorry to say, tobacco use in Elk Point is high among youths."

2003

Elk Point's first trade fair in five years was a major success, with former Edmonton Eskimo star "Gizmo" Williams and current Eskimos Jason Moss and A. J. Goss, magician Wayne Morris and pipers and drummers from the Vermilion Army Cadet Corps as special guests. Next door at F. G. Miller High, Addison Bartholomew and Colin Ference topped the youth category at Talent Explosion 2003.

Assistance dog in Vancouver can paint!



GUEST COLUMN

Child abuse and bullying

April 2008 is National Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States of America. President George W. Bush said: "Children are the hope and promise of our Nation, and our society has a special duty to ensure young Americans get the care and attention they need to succeed in life. During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we underscore our commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect so that all children can live in safety and security. Parents have a responsibility to safeguard their children from danger and to provide the love, protection, and guidance youngsters need to grow into confident and caring adults. As we observe National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we reaffirm our loving commitment to America's youth and our dedication to building a society in which all children can realize their full potential. Now therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 2008 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. I encourage all citizens to help protect our children from abuse and neglect and to take an active role in creating safe communities."



deanna
EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

In the United States increasing public awareness of the need to ensure the safety and welfare of children led to the passage of the first Federal child protection legislation in 1974. In Canada, it was in December 1991, that Canada signed and ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. As a ratified member, Canada is internationally accountable with regard to its universal legislation on the rights of children and youth. These include the right for

children and youth to live in a safe, protective and nurturing environment.

However, there are other laws in Canadian legislation that cover child abuse in Canada: Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; Canadian Human Rights Legislation; Canadian Criminal Code; Canadian Civil Law; Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IPRA), 2001; Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations and Rules 2002; Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB); and provincial and territorial child welfare legislation.

To bring all this closer to home, within the province of Alberta, the Alberta Roundtable on Family Violence and Bullying, held in May 2004, established a clear need for action to address the issue of bullying: develop and implement a cross-ministry education and awareness bullying prevention strategy targeted at individuals, families and communities.

A cross-ministry Prevention of Bullying working Group, consisting of Children and Youth services, Education, (co-leads), Solicitor General and Public Security, Health and Wellness, Aboriginal Relations, Tourism, Parks and Recreation and the Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities have taken a lead in developing and implementing a cross-ministry Bullying Prevention strategy targeted at individuals, families and communities. The cross-ministry working group is supported by the Alberta Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee, consisting of youth with diverse backgrounds from across the province.

The goal of the Bullying Prevention Strategy is to raise awareness of what bullying is, to identify what can be done to stop that behaviour, and to encourage a change in societal attitudes and behaviours towards bullying.

This youth committee is looking for youth to apply to become a member of the committee. If we have any youth who are interested in Elk Point, stop by the FCSS office and pick up an application. Deadline for submission of the application is May 30, 2008.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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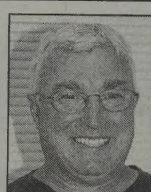
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Stampede tarp sale total only \$2.5 million

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Thirty-six chuckwagon tarps sold for a total of \$2.516 million at the annual Calgary Stampede Rangeland Derby canvas auction on April 10, down from a record \$4 million last year.

World Professional Chuckwagon Association driver Kelly Sutherland topped the sale at \$210,000, selling to The Hear Now Inc., and was one of only three drivers to receive a higher price than in 2007.

Buddy Bensmiller received the second highest bid of \$140,000 from ACERA Developments Inc., down from \$160,000 last year, while Mark Sutherland, Jason Glass, Kurt Bensmiller and Chad Harden sold their tarps for \$120,000 apiece.

This year's average bid was \$69,888 and 20 of the wagons, including those of northeast Alberta drivers Doug Irvine and Rae Croteau Jr., were below the average. Irvine's tarp selling for \$37,500 to B & R Eckels and Croteau's for \$35,000 to Friday Club.

Wayne Knight received the best price of the 12 Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association drivers, at \$101,000, with Jim Knight second at \$100,000 and the remaining 10 all below the average.

WPCA Dodge Pro Tour

Tarp sales for the 11 shows on the WPCA's Dodge Pro Tour netted a total of \$2.08 million, with the Dodge World Chuckwagon Championships Aug. 27-31 in Edmonton having the highest average at \$9,166. Kelly Sutherland topped the sale at \$25,000, receiving an equal amount for the second-highest priced show in Ponoka and top bid of \$8,000 for the Medicine Hat show.

Mark Sutherland was second highest in Edmonton, but received top bids of \$16,000 each at Grande Prairie and Dawson Creek and \$15,000 at Red Deer.

Chad Harden topped the list at High River for \$13,000, Lethbridge for \$11,000 and Drumheller for \$9,000.

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Spring, and the Leafs are out



doug
BASSETT
Review Sports

When the Leafs and Oilers are both out, what team do you root for? I've never been a big fan of Ottawa, and as for Montreal, no way, man, too many old memories for that one. I might be able to back Calgary for the west, but overall for me it's the young exciting Capitals. I just love watching these guys celebrate every time

they score.

But who has time to stay in and watch it anyway? Baseball and soccer are both getting started, the kids will be hitting the field in a week or sooner if this weather continues. Soccer has already had it's registration, baseball forms are at the library and the FCSS and can be filled out there or you can contact Laverne Wilson at 724-3878 for more information. This past weekend we held our first Lakeland ball meeting, the league will start the first week of May, so don't delay, sign up today!

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week." When we played baseball, I'd steal second base, feel guilty and go back." Last week's answer to- "One thing I hate is people screaming at me. If

you want me to do something, talk to me. When someone screams at me to hurry up, I slow down." - Mario Lemieux.

Do you have any scoops? Please email them to sports-hound007@hotmail.com

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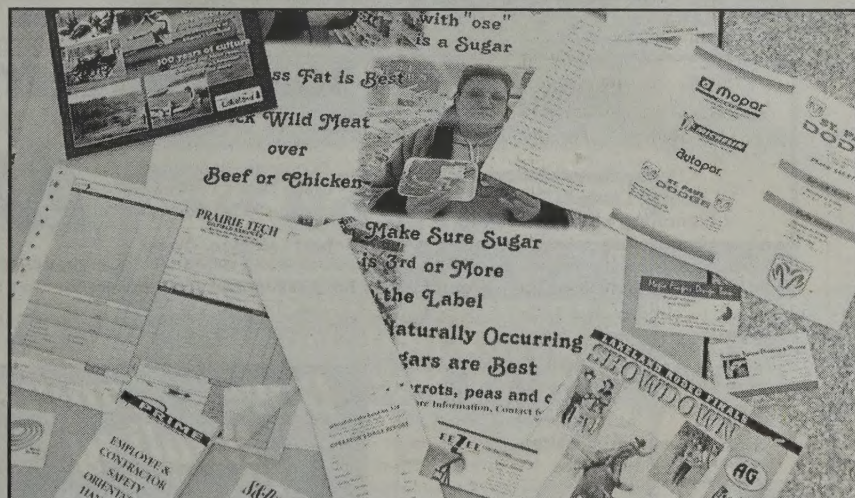
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Saturday, May 3
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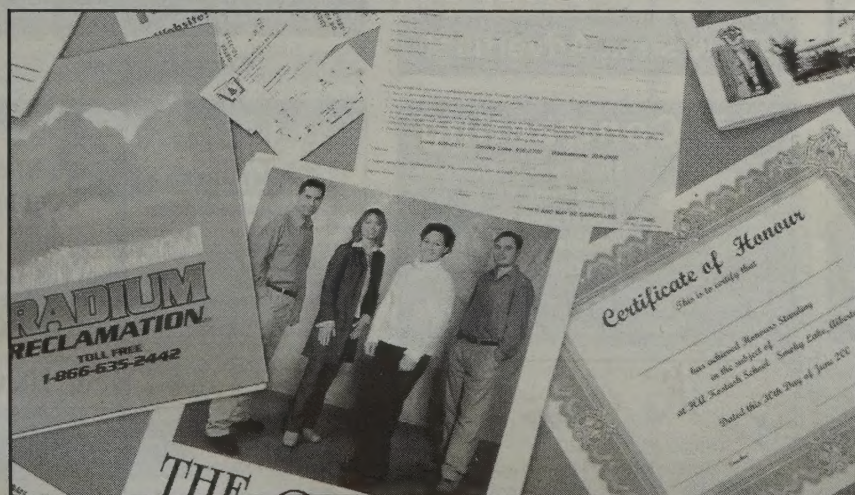
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Executive chef wows Home Ec class



Apprentice chef Norm Rain puts the finishing touches to a chicken thigh stuffed with mushrooms, asparagus, artichoke hearts, onion and garlic and served on a sunburst of red, yellow and orange peppers.

**By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff**

It's a long way to F. G., Miller's Home Ec classroom from the kitchens of Edmonton's Fireside Grill, and even further from the kitchens of a posh Disneyworld hotel, but Quentin Globus, who performed his culinary magic for the home ec students on Friday, is going a lot further. He will soon be headed to Japan to take the post of executive chef at the Canadian Embassy there.

Globus, son of FGM staff member Ruby Boratyne, said he started cooking at age six in his mother's kitchen, and has never stopped since. He had his first formal training in high school, and went on to a two-year program at NAIT, where he said he "did three episodes of an ACCESS TV cooking show. I've never seen them." A job search found him a post at the Disneyworld hotel, where he worked with chefs from around the world and cooked for Ed McMahon and a Saudi Arabian princess, among other distinguished diners. He later worked in Trinidad and Tobago for four years before returning to Edmonton, where he has worked for the past six years, most recently as executive chef at the Fireside Grill.

"I wasn't the smartest in school," he told the students. "My favorite subjects were cooking and gym. The only 30 classes I took were in science. The others were 31s and 32s." Acknowledging that, "whatever you do, there will always be someone who does it better than you," he advised the students that, "what you put into something determines what you'll get out of it."

Globus demonstrated some of his kitchen expertise for the students, cubing watermelon and mixing it with red onions marinated in lime juice, Kalamata olives, feta cheese and olive oil to make a unusual but very tasty salad, which the packed crowd of students enjoyed before moving into the kitchen for a closeup look at his preparations for the next course.

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Quentin Globus peels and cubes watermelon for a summery salad.

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Elk Point's winter gymkhana season winds up

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Gymkhana season at C. G. Baker Memorial Arena came to an end on Saturday, with an array of prizes for the winter's top competitors.

MC Tera-Lee Drobot thanked participants and volunteers for coming out and helping to make this another successful year. All the help with setting up, working gates, announcing, timing and all the other little jobs is greatly appreciated. Without you, these events would not be possible," she said.

Mites Carter and Walker Balan, Karson McKenzie, Bailey Brooks, Macey Drobot, Kailey Wirsta, Wyatt Walterhouse, Austin Young and Jake Robertson received halters from LaBrecque Tak Shak as a year-end recognition of their efforts. Shaylyn Klatt was also part of the group but was not on hand to accept her gift.

Year-end gifts for Peewees Ashton Ewasiuk, Payton Drobot and Spencer Young were sponsored by Wendy and Charlie Young.

Adrian Ewasiuk of A-Jay's Truck and Car Wash presented the Youth High-Point award to Jessica Wirsta. Brittany Houle placed second, Caitlin Brooks, who was not present, placed third, and Taylor Robbie was fourth.

Janet Nowosad accepted the Elk Point Ag Society high point award for the Open division from Colin Balan, who placed third in the category. Ruby Braconnier was second, Tera-Lee Drobot was fourth, Tammy Klatt (not present) was fifth and Audrey Walterhouse was sixth overall.

In closing, Drobot wished everyone a good summer and invited them to return next fall for another round of gymkhana fun.

Calgary Stampede tarp sales

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Jerry Bremner topped the sales for the Dodge Pro Tour Championship show in Strathmore at \$15,000.

Closer to home, hometown favourite Rae Croteau Jr. led the pack at the sale for Bonnyville's first-ever WPCA show, selling his tarp for \$14,000 to Bear Slashing, while Doug Irvine was second in that lineup, selling to B & R Eckels.

Results of the upcoming CPCA tarp sales and the chuckwagon association race meet schedules will be announced as soon as they are available.



The youngest gymkhana participants took home handsome halters for their favourite horses, and some tasty snacks for themselves, after Saturday's final gymkhana of the season.



Wendy Young presented halters to Pee wee participants Spencer Young, Ashton Ewasiuk and Payton Drobot.

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Gophers under attack

Concentrated strychnine now available for farmers

By MICHAEL DRADER
Review Contributor

Desperate times call for desperate measures as gopher populations have run rampant over the last 15 years. Instead of blowing combustible gases down their tunnel systems, a healthy dose of strychnine should bring back into check the plague that is affecting farmers throughout Alberta.

Starting this spring, the Government of Alberta has been granted a one-year permit to sell farmers liquid strychnine for rodent infestations. This will be the first time since 1992 the federal government has lifted its restrictions on the distribution of the pesticide in its full concentrate form.

The pesticide was taken off the market due to concerns regarding human health and the environment. According to reports from Health Canada, casualties have occurred due to the improper handling and use of the chemical. This resulted in both human casualties, and the secondary poisoning of animals other than rodents.

According to Matt Janz, assistant agricultural fieldman at the Municipal District of Bonnyville, farmers could receive ready-to-use bait from local municipal district and county offices, but could not take the bottled product home up until now.

"Changes have been made from above-ground baiting where secondary poisoning could happen to placing the bait into the holes," said Janz.

Prior to farmers being sold the pesticide,

their infestation must meet one of two guidelines. Based on last season's yields, farmers need to have experienced a 25 per cent crop loss. Eligibility is also possible in areas where one hole per square metre is visible. This criteria is only useful when an individual requesting strychnine is a bona fide farmer.

Although MD and county offices will not be enforcing the proper use of the product, they will take measures in warning consumers about the consequences related to negligent usage. Alberta Agriculture inspectors will be conducting random audits to make sure that farmers have an actual infestation and are using the product accordingly. Proper handling of liquid strychnine is emphasized in the information package provided. Gloves, mask, goggles, and long-sleeved/legged clothing need to be worn while treating the bait.

The two per cent liquid concentrate is mixed with one bottle per an ice cream pail full of grain. Producing a 0.4 per cent mixture, this bait then needs to be placed 18 inches below ground level, and the hole is covered.

"With the 0.4 per cent liquid strychnine bait, it will produce a lethal dose that will eliminate all gophers as long as they ingest it," said Janz. "This is the prime time for killing gophers because there's no other food available as they are emerging from their hibernation."

A 250 millilitre bottle costs seven dol-

lars. Farmers should expect to cover 10 to 15 acres of infested land per bottle, which means that for an infestation the size of a quarter section, farmers should expect to go through a case of 24 bottles.

One should witness the effects of strychnine use within days of infestation treatment. Although most gophers die in their holes, farmers should expect to see dead gophers on the surface. Treat animals that have ingested strychnine like a hazardous good, as poisoned animals can become a catalyst for non-targeted poisonings. Prohibitions are still in effect on lands where animals at risk are present. Such species include the swift fox and burrowing owl.

Strychnine will only be available up until July 31. The product will need to be kept under lock and key at temperatures above freezing, and out of reach from children and pets. After the season ends, all containers need to be destroyed.

"Under Alberta Agriculture, they can lay charges if the restrictions are not followed, and they would probably catch that on an audit," said Janz. "If they find that a farmer is using it negligently, they will pursue the letter of the law."

As of yet, there are no plans to have concentrated strychnine made available for future years. After farmers are finished using the product, they will need to fill out a questionnaire and either return it to the federal government or at the MD/county



Farmers can now receive liquid strychnine from their local county offices to control gopher population that are running rampant.

office. Using this information, the government might entertain issuing other emergency permits in the future, said Janz.

"Probably the days are numbered using strychnine," he said.

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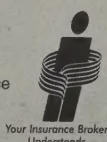
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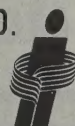


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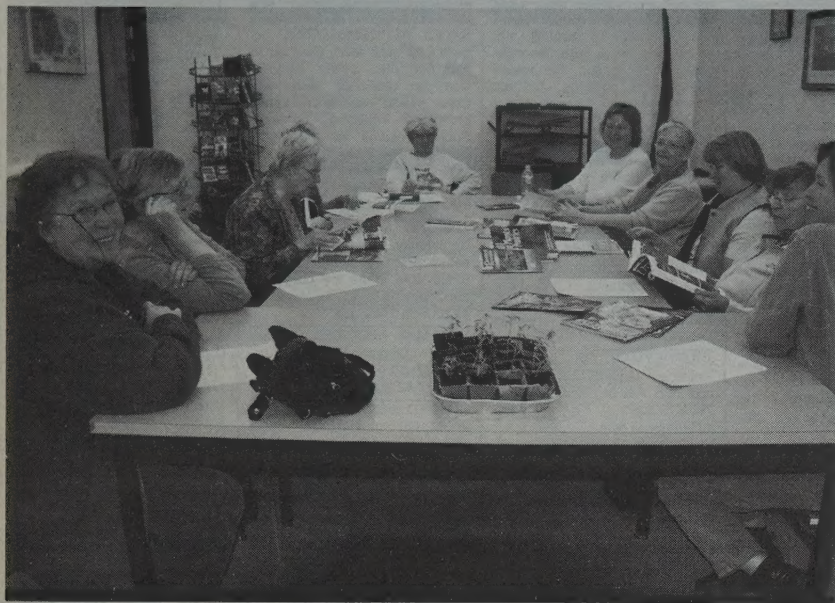
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Gardeners @ the library

Elk Point Further Education's garden club members spent Tuesday night at the library, perusing the latest garden books and magazines, and garnering new ideas for the coming season. Everyone took home a tomato plant or two, of an unsown variety that no one is sure about: the package was printed in Spanish.

Chef

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The students gathered around as Globus took pans of bannock, studded with chopped dried apricots and aromatic with fresh rosemary, from the oven and sliced it. He heated oil, added curry powder and later added shrimp, garlic, freshly grated coconut and onion, surprising the students when he poured chocolate milk over the mixture, explaining to the students that the recipe called for Kahlua, but this was a non-alcoholic substitute.

The students enjoyed the gourmet treat as they watched Globus' assistant, Norm Rain, add the finishing touches to a poultry dish. Rain had made a vegetable stuffing with asparagus, artichoke hearts, mushrooms, onions and garlic, and put it under the skin on chicken thighs. The chicken was then pan-browned before being put in the oven to roast. Rain then made a sauce with cooking sherry, caramelized onion, chopped multicoloured peppers, beurre meniere and milk, and sliced and sauteed peppers which he arranged into a bright sunburst design, topping it with the chicken portion and presenting it to FGM vice-principal Cheri Lindquist as a special treat for her birthday.

Globus wound up his presentation by carving a watermelon into a saw-tooth-rimmed basket, filled with fresh fruit.

The appreciative students, many of whom had tried new foods for the first time that afternoon, gave the chefs a well-deserved round of applause.

Health Care Auxiliary meets

By BERNICE CAPJACK
President

The April 1 roll call was answered by 10 members including a new member who has just joined.

The plaque with names of recipients of the Dr. Anne Weigerinck scholarship will be ready by June 21.

The Auxiliary will purchase disposable cameras and two photo albums for the hospital reunion on June 21.

A thank-you was extended to Lois Sharek, who knit-

ted seven pairs of slippers and two lapel pins for the canteen.

The camera for the Auxiliary group has been purchased and Ruth Vogel volunteered to be in charge of pictures.

The Health Care Auxiliary donated \$100 toward volunteer events at Parkview Long Term Care.

The next meeting will be May 5. If you would care to join, phone Bernice at 724-3058 as we welcome every-

By HEATHER PAQUETTE
Activity Coordinator

The weather in March has been impressive and changeable, and we can tell that spring is in the air. Changes have been happening at Heritage Lodge, too. We celebrated February birthdays with a party on March 5. The rest of the first half of the month was busy, busy, with getting ready for the bake sale on March 15, which was a huge success, due to the efforts of all who contributed, all who volunteered and worked with me that day, and all who attended the tea and bake sale. The door prize was won by Jean Cummings and the raffle prizes went to Patsy Zarowny (small rooster), Lucille Smith (medium rooster), Nesta Evtushevski (large rooster) and Erma Yewchin (Easter wreath).

Another change is that the Homecare staff, who had been exercising with the residents at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, have begun to exercise at 9 a.m. on the same days. Many of the residents have commented on how this works much better for them.

We had wonderful entertainment this month. The crib tournament was in full swing for a month, and prizes were awarded on March 17. The Congratulatory Award for the highest overall average score went to Nick Melnyk, the Sympathy Award went to Helga Vaughan, the Stability Award went to Irene Melin and the Split Award was a tie, going to Jean Cummings and Donna Kondro. The first performance of "The Leprechaun" by our own drama club, "The Bad Actors," was also on the evening of March 17 and was followed by the music of John and Gloria to help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day. There was certainly a lot of "chair dancing" going on with the residents

and their guests. Chair dancing continued with additional musical entertainment performed by Bob and Emily, Gabe, Roy, Clayton, Roger and girls, Babe Sharkey, Mel Magnusson and Homer Poitras.

Thursday afternoon, March 20, brought the Easter bunny early for an Easter Egg scavenger hunt. The winners, Lenore Bjornstad and Winnie Shepherd, shared a basket of goodies with the other residents. Then on Easter Sunday, the Easter bunny visited the lodge again, leaving a small wooden basket of goodies for each resident.

Bible study continues on Wednesdays with Margaret and Lawrence Modin. Church services and singing are on the first, second, third and fourth Sundays of every month. The United Church, the Christian Community Church, the Baptist Church and the Mennonite members have been responsible for these refreshing times.

Other regular items are brainteasers, reading and exercises on Tuesdays and Thursdays, bingo, card bingo, Pictionary, lawn dice (or should it be carpet dice?) and crafts were other activities residents participated in. If anyone is interested in decorating the Lodge for events, please let me know, as this is an activity I would gladly share.

April's activities include an auxiliary meeting April 1, lawn dice, bingo, card bingo, brainteasers, reading corner, crafts, walks and armchair travel to Norway. Entertainment includes our regulars, Gabe Bayduza and Babe Sharkey, along with Ukrainian dancers on April 6, Nora Wyman reading her own cowboy poetry on April 8 and John and Gloria will play on April 24. We will celebrate Volunteer Night on May 1.

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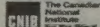
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Tackling issue of high input costs

Agricultural committee forms recommendations

By JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Staff

A standing committee on Agriculture and Agrifood (AGRI) has identified high input costs for farmers as one of the priority agricultural issues that must be addressed, said MP for Westlock-St. Paul Brian Storseth.

The AGRI committee has been consulting with producers, agricultural organizations and industry, looking for ways government can help facilitate a decrease in input costs.

A high demand for bio-diesel and bio-ethanol has, in part, helped to drive up commodity prices, which is excellent, but over the last year, input costs, for such materials as fertilizer, have also skyrocketed, he said.

"We wanted to be proactive on this issue and start finding some solutions to this problem and put together some good recommendations for the minister to look at," said Storseth, who sits on the AGRI committee.

Among the key problems that the committee has identified is the huge disparity between fertilizer and chemical costs south, the U.S.

For example, fertilizer can cost \$200 to \$300 more a ton in Canada as compared to the U.S., said Storseth.

"It's not allowing a free-market system for our farmers," he said.

"We have some one of the best producers in the world and we don't put them on a level playing field."

Although some farmers might think to go down south to purchase fertilizer and chemicals, "it's not that easy," said Storseth. Heavy bureaucracy surrounds

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— MP Brian Storseth

the issuing of permits, and safety restrictions make it difficult to transport the product over the border as well, he explained.

The government must make it easier for farmers "to make their decision with their feet" by creating, for one, an easier cross-border supply of goods, he said. If farmers have easier access to supplies in the U.S., and purchase their goods there, suppliers in Canada may be more likely to move to reduce fertilizer and chemical prices, he

said.

Another big agricultural issue that the AGRI committee is looking at is international trade, and opening up foreign markets. "There's huge demand for our producers' product. One city in China will consume 70,000 tons of beef a month. We need to open these markets up for our guys," he said.

Towards that end, the federal government is signing several free trade agreements with other countries as a way to reduce trade barriers in exporting Canadian agricultural products, he explained.

As Storseth sees it, another important issue for government to step in and address is assuming producers' regulatory costs. Although he isn't sure that this will be an area that the committee will address, he has made the point in meetings repeatedly.

"I believe we put too much regulatory burden on our farmers." In the U.S., the government bears regulatory costs, instead of producers. In Canada's failure to do the same, the country has passed on an additional cost on to its producers that competitors do not face, he said, a disparity that needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

This month, the AGRI committee releases its recommendations in a report culled from its consultations.

Schools

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Plans for a new central office have been in the works for years, Yeo explained following the school board meeting. The district has been putting money aside since 1995.

"It really won't be completed until the St. Paul Solution is done," said Yeo of the new central office. He explained that students would need to use the upstairs classrooms at Regional while modernization takes place.

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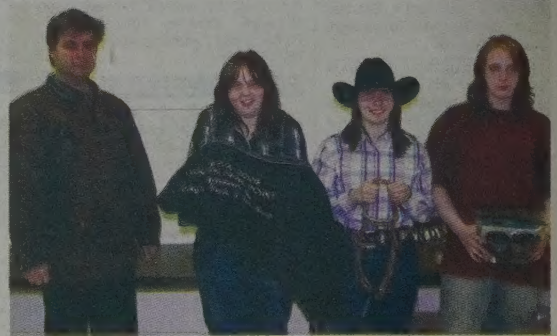
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Open Class awards

Colin Balan presents the Open Class High Point award to Janet Nowosad. Balan placed third, Tera-Lee Drobot fourth, Ruby Braconnier second and Audrey Walterhouse sixth for the season. Not shown is fifth place finisher Tammy Klatt.

Gymkhana awards



Adrian Ewasiuk presented the Youth High Point award from A-Jay's Truck and Car Wash to Jessica Wirsta. Brittany Houle was second and Taylor Robbie fourth. Third place finisher Caitlin Brooks was not present for the awards.

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Federal cull breeding swine program

Canadian hog producers can apply for compensation under the Cull Breeding Swine Program as of April 14th, 2008. That's when the \$50 million program, funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and delivered by the Canadian Pork Council, will start accepting applications.

The Cull Breeding Swine Program will help the industry restructure by facilitating the reduction of Canada's swine breeding herd (sows, boars and pregnant gilts) by approximately 10 per cent.

Qualifying producers, subject to application approval, will receive \$225 per breeding swine culled after April 14th. Reimbursement will be made for costs of slaughter and carcass disposal.

A payment of \$225 per breeding swine less the selling price will be available for approved producers that sold animals from November 1, 2007 until April 13th, 2008 (receipts and supporting documents required).

"The timing is critical for this strategic support from the federal government," says Clare Schlegel, president of the Canadian Pork Council. "Our industry is in dire straits and this restructuring initiative is a good place to start on the road towards a healthier, competitive Canadian swine industry."

"The Government of Canada is committed to working with producers to deliver solutions at the

farm gate. Industry told us they were willing to adapt to the current situation, but producers needed help to make changes to their operations," says Minister Ritz. "We are working hard to bring the sector in line with market realities and ensure its long term viability."

To participate in the program, approved producers must not sell potentially eligible breeding stock through commercial channels after April 14th, agree to depopulate an entire breeding barn and commit to not housing swine breeding stock in the same barn for three years. Options for disposal of breeding stock through this program will be outlined on the application.

Application for the Cull Breeding Swine Program (and all required supporting documents) will be available as of April 14th on the Canadian Pork Council website at www.cpc-ccp.com. Producers can also contact their provincial pork producer association for copies of the application. A toll free number at 1-877-655-2567 is available to assist questions about the application process.

The Canadian Pork Council serves as the national voice for hog producers in Canada. A federation of nine provincial pork industry associations, our organization's purpose is to play a leadership role in achieving and maintaining a dynamic and prosperous Canadian pork sector.



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